Non-Availability of Insecticides to Farmers

† 910. SHRIMATI KUMKUM RAI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government arc aware that farmers at several places in the country are agitating due to non-availability of insecticides to them;

(b) if so, at which places;

(c) what measures Government are taking to make the insecticides available to farmers; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) There are no reports of agitation due to non-availability of insecticides.

(b) to (d) Question docs not arise.

Red Soil Disease of Coconut Plants

911. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO:

DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether red soil disease in coconut plants has been reported in Andhra Pradesh, especially in Srikakulam;

(b) if so, the reasons analysed for the disease;

(c) the action taken to seek opinion of experts for remedial measures in this regard; and

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.